THIS PLACE WAS HOME

a Boba Fett fancomic

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— PART 1 —

"I wouldn't say friends..."

so one of us says something we haven't done
and if the other one has, they have to drink.

so if you said "never have I ever hooked up with a girl in the prisoner bay of my ship"
then I'd have to drink
because I have done that so many times
glug

okay
"never have I ever"
lied about how many
girls I hook up with
fuck yoooouuu

only drinking
because I love
drinking
glug

I gotta know
how many women did you actually know growing up?
because there can't have been many on clone Island
there weren't
but I did know one

you remind me of her, actually
oh in that case she must be amazing

She was my father's —
friend?
coworker?
partner?
I was never really sure...

Dad!!
Dad's home!
?

didn't I tell you it would be a short job?
Dad!!

haha

Dad who's that lady
oh that's — just a friend
zam
don't bother her, okay?

hm!

HOLY FUCKING SHIT
...

ship
I meant ship
uh
hi
.....

YOU'RE ZAM
okay
you know my name

do you have parents or something
just my dad

I'm his perfect genetic clone
I don't have a mom
you smell weird

you smell weird!
no you
No you!
you try getting eaten by a krayt dragon and see how you smell
whoa!!
did you get digested by its juices?!

sure did
it even took

MY LEG!!!
AAAHHHH

haha!
just kidding
Jango hates it when I do that
how do you know my dad?
wait
Jango's your dad?!
omg mini Jango

would not have pegged him for a dad
or
clone dad or whatever
I live with 100,000 of my genetic siblings but i'm the only one with free will

holy shit
fuck
ship
my dad said you were friends
but my dad doesn't have friends

I mean I wouldn't say friends
more like blew up his ship
betrayed him 8 or 9 times
now i'm at his house
fuck I guess we are friends

FUCK
hey no
FUCK!!
I'll teach you
way worse swears
if you show me
where your dad
keeps his booze

hm

FUCK
hey Jango your kid rules

FUCK!!!
I heard we were friends

PART 2

"In too deep"

ha
ha
ha
ha
ha

the thing is
I don't even know why my father let zam meet me at all.
He didn't trust anyone. Kamino was a secret— and so was I.
He thought if anyone found out that he had a son, they'd use me against him.
but soon she was coming around all the time.

DAAAAD!
GASP
AND ZAM!!

ZAM
zam
zAM!
ZAM!!
zam
zam
ZAM
zam
zam

Guess what I brought you
WHAT?!
only the coolest book of all time: "Teelo Mantis and the Galactic Cryocrystal of Doom"!
GASP

you know the rules, Boba.
you can wait up until I get home
then bed
Aw!

I know!!
zam can read it to me for my bedtime story!

Zam doesn't want to read to you. We've had a long day.
Are you kidding? This was my favorite book when I was his age. Hell yeah I'll read it to him!
pout

well... okay.
YESSSS ZAM COME SEE MY ROOM

do you want me to —
JUST ZAM

okay

THIS is my mandalorian warrior action figure
and THIS is his nemesis the evil Jedi!

Ahh! Not a Jedi!
They use their brains to make you do whatever they want
then they CHOP YOU UP

pretty cool, little dude!
Ready for the best bedtime story ever?
...yes

Is it scary?
Aw! What kind of Mandalorian warrior gets scared?

I'm not a mandalorian
my dad is

sometimes I get scared he won't come back

Hey! your dad is always gonna come back, okay?
Especially with me looking out for him!

* in too deep *

...so in THIS panel the Wookiee pulls this guy's head off and punts it into this other guy's face and the sound effects are like GRRNCH SPLUT BLORK and then the Wookiee's like GRRRAUGH and then SPLOOSH geyser of blood –
zzz

WHAT DID YOU READ HIM
AHHHH HE LOVED IT OKAY

PART 3

"That's not Zam"

ZAM!
ZAM ZAM
ZAM
ZAM

Dad said you were-
splash

AAAAHHH
oh fuck-

AAHHHHH
BOBA—

DAAAAAD

Boba?
Are you-
THAT'S
NOT ZAM

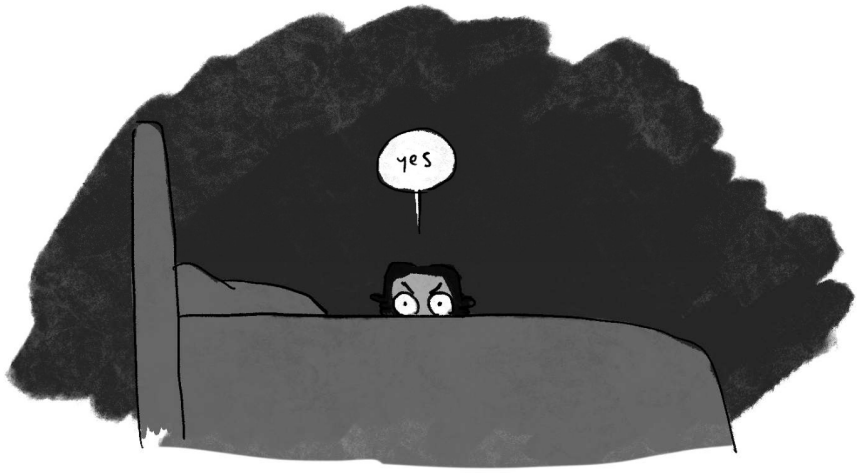
okay. okay.
calm down.
That is zam.
huh
huh
huhhhh

Zam's not like you and me, Boba. she can change her face.
There's nothing scary about it.
snf
Annoying sometimes—
but normal.

I traumatized your son
he's going to be fine, Zam.

you should talk to him
nooooo
I'm going to flee the galaxy forever
zam
stop

Boba
can I come in


yes

why did you look like that
Because i'm a clawdite. some people call me a changeling.

I came from a place called Zolan.
People there... weren't that nice to changelings.
so I left.

so which one's your real face
this one
or that one

That's - kind of hard to explain.
see, most people have to keep the face they were born with.
But I wanted to be... someone else.

with a lot of practice and gene therapy, I created this face.
It's not always easy to hold it
but this feels more like me than my other face.

does that make sense?
I think so

your face wasn't who you actually are
kinda like how I have my dad's face
but I'm not him

What you mean
THIS face

GRR I'M JANGO
NO FUN EVER
hee
hee
hee
hee

I'm Jango and i'm soooo stupid
Zam is smart and I'm stupid
ha
ha
ha
ha
ha

what the fuck

— PART 4 —

"It's about this family"

hi
hello

you are not wearing identification. what is your squadron?
I don't have one. I'm Boba.

Oh! The Prime Clone's personal clone!
vh
he's my dad

Is it true you can do whatever you want?
I guess?
My dad's kind of strict

Zam's cool though
she brings me books and lets me stay up as long as I don't tell my dad
who is "zam"?

she's
uh

she's just
zam

she's on a job with my dad right now
but she gave me this book. wanna see?
sure

see?
It's about this family

they're twins
that's why they look the same

are we twins?

that's the thing.
I mean, I have a dad, and a-
Just 2am
yeah

but maybe there's supposed to be... more than just me?

CT-0072!

I have to go
okay
maybe I could... see you later?

maybe
I'm being examined for potential defects
my training scores were substandard
if I fail, I will be destroyed.

otherwise, yes.
I would like to see you.

I would like to know more about "twins."

PART 5

"would I lie to you?"

Taun we is my dad back yet
No young Boba but fear not i'm sure he is unharmed

brrrrr
bang
bang

what about now
apologies young Boba but there is still no word
perhaps you could study your tactical training. the other neophytes at your level are making admirable progress

WOOP WOOP WOOP
ah it appears there is a medical emergency

WOOP WOOP WOOP

WOOP WOOP WOOP

Boba—

Boba-
it's okay-

it's okay

mmnh
zam!

Heh! Don't worry little dude. Your dad will be fine after a couple hours in the bacta tank.
o-o

are YOU okay?
oh ya I jusht need a lil grownup juice an i'll be
feelin' so good

zam
yeah little dude
you promise my dad will be okay
you're not lying

hey
would I lie to you
I don't know
your dad's tough. He's –

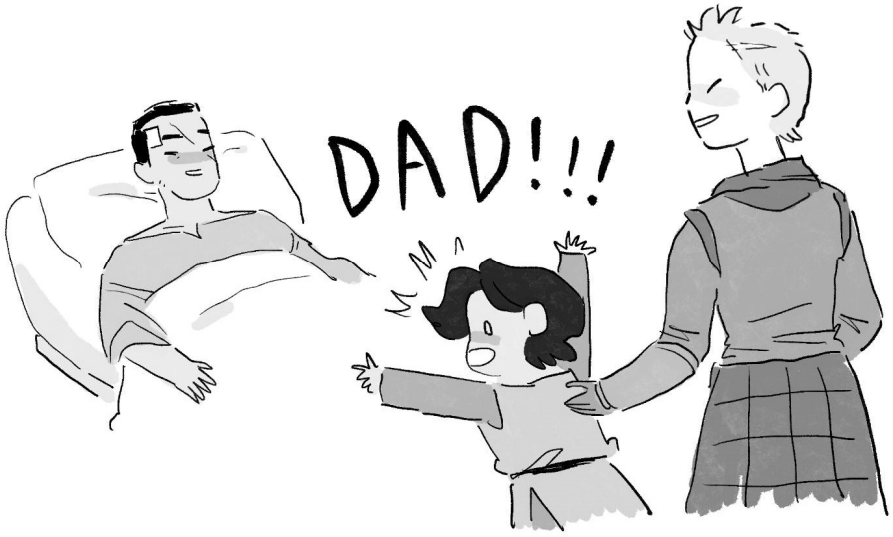
He's a good person.
Not like me. I don't even know why he hangs around with someone like me.

...

well
if my dad's good
and he likes you
then you must be good, too.

I dunno
I think some people just... aren't.

he said he likes me?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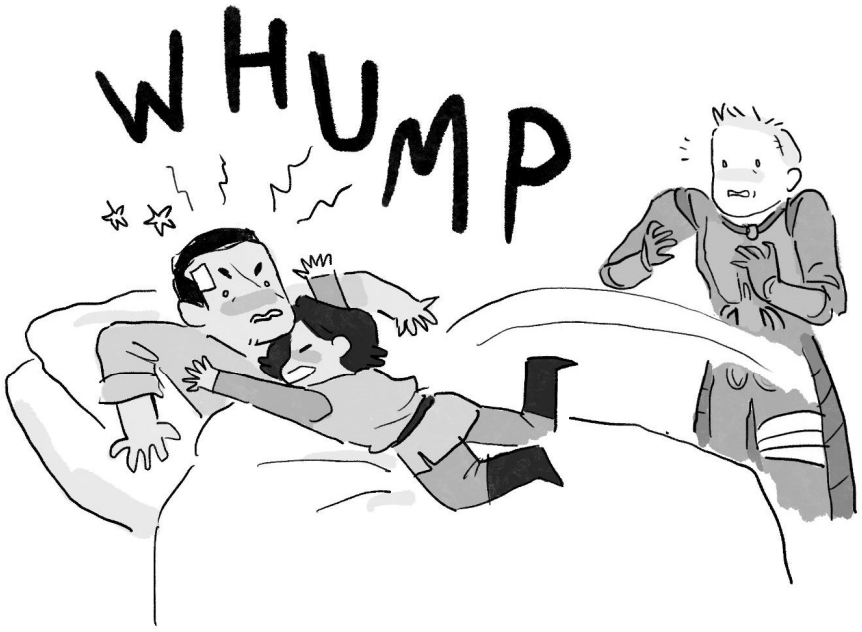

WHUMP

ooookay little dude let's give your dad some space!
it's fine

did you and zam have fun?
yeah!
zam let me play bolo-ball on the launch pad and I almost fell off

zam WHAT
I caught him!!

hey
zam
thanks for watching him
noooo problemo
zzzzz

I mean I was the one who got you injured
figured it was the least I could do

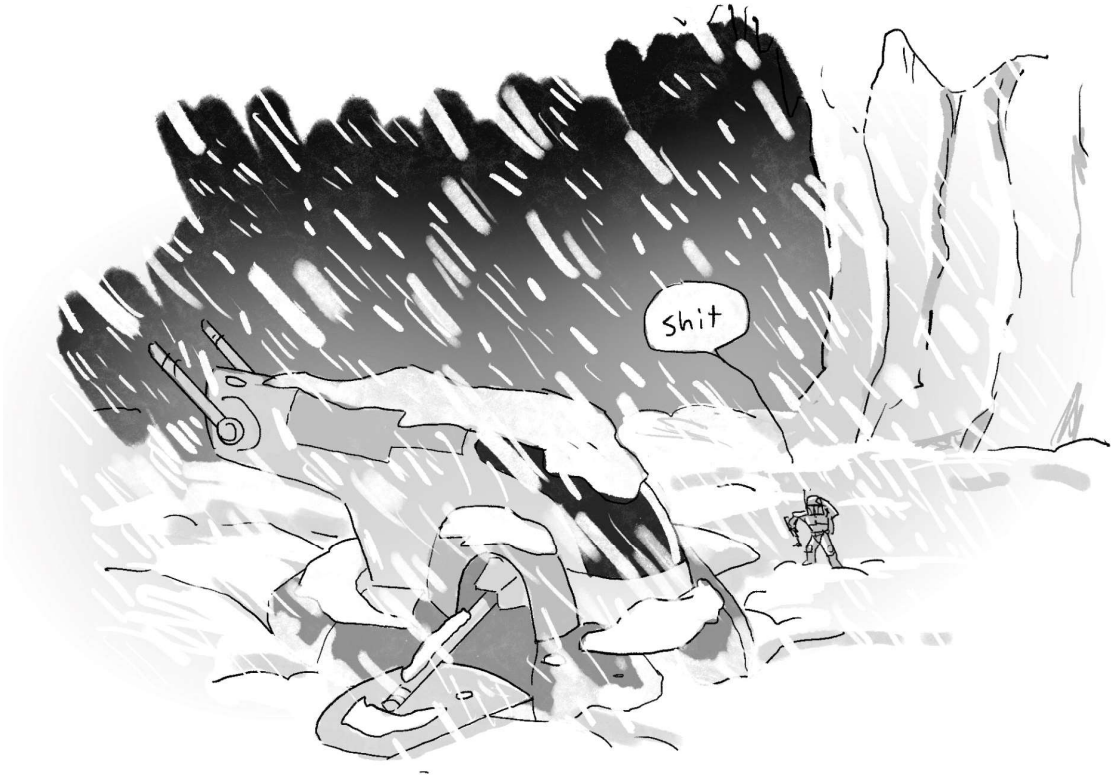
it wasn't your fault
besides, you saved me from that krayt dragon by using yourself as bait.
yeah I uh
did not actually mean to do that

I always worked alone before you.
but I have to say...
it's nice having someone watch my back.
and Boba's.

I really do need you to stop being such a dumbass though
NEVER! You're stuck with me now!
Ha ha ha

PART 6

"I'm tired"


shit

the storm's picking up
no way is the ship getting fixed tonight
we'll have to wait it out

could've really used your help out there
are you— NAPPING?!

zam—

Oh fuck
ZAM

heh
hey Jango
what's happening to you?
hey so you know how i'm like
a clawdite
i'm also kinda
cold-blooded

you're cold-blooded
and you still agreed to come on this mission to a FROST PLANET?!
you have seat warmers
I thought it'd be fine

okay that's all the blankets we have
is that any better?

oh ya
heads up I might pass out and look dead soon but im really fine
that or I'm actually dead
It's one of the two

hnnn
zam
i'm tired
come on zam
stay awake
talk to me

talk about what
I don't know
your life. anything.
just keep talking.

what life
I don't have a life
yes you do.
no seriously
I don't

I don't have anything going on
I pretty much just fuck around until you call me
I'm kind of a loser Jango

you know you're my only friend, right?
if you're a loser then so am I
that's true you are a loser

no but you've got Boba
you've got like... a reason to come home alive.

sometimes I wonder why I even do this job
getting the shit kicked out of me all day... for what?
to make some rich asshole richer?

I dunno I just
this used to be my dream job
but was this really who I wanted to be

I know what you mean.
sometimes I wish I could take Boba and just –
leave all this behind.
start again. somewhere else.

but once you're in, there's no way out.
once you start running, you never get to stop.

zam?

ZAM!

Zam
ZAM
stay awake
come on
stay with me.
hff

aaah that's a lot warmer
Jango did you fix the-

zzzz

hey
Jango
snrk

I

were you spooning me all night
CONSERVING BODY HEAT
by spooning

you'd better not make a big thing out of this
are you kidding I'm never shutting up about it

PART 7

"you're playing wrong"

FOOSH!
Jetpack!
Pew pew pew!
The Jedi cruiser opens fire!

POW! Direct hit! The Mandalorian warrior goes down in flames!
No!! You're playing wrong!

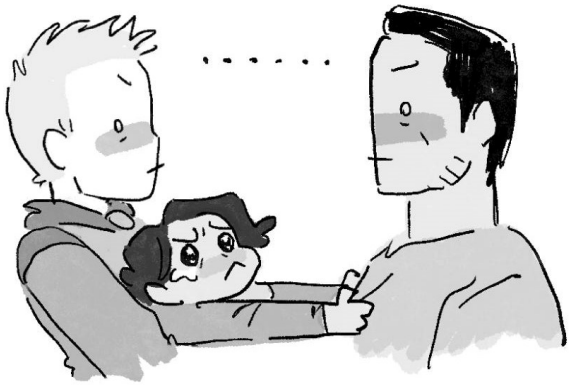
Nothing can hit the Mandalorian when he's flying on his jetpack. He's too fast.
okay well as someone who's seen your dad in action I can tell you that's not true
last week his jetpack stalled because a bug flew into it
but okay

Bedtime, Boba.
say goodnight to zam.
NOOOOOO!

I want ZAM to put me to bed!
Boba...
haha! It's fine Jango

WAIT!!!

I want BOTH of you to put me to bed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Zam! I have to get a shot tomorrow
sucks to be you! 'Night little dude.

Dad! can zam come with me to get MY shot?
No, Boba. zam's going back to her house now.
"house" is generous
I live in my car

Nooo!
why can't zam
live with us?
fuck

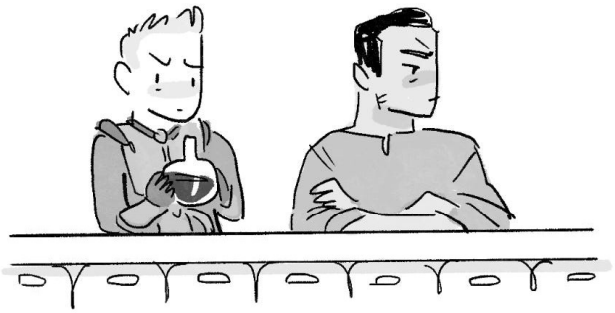
okay I think
he's asleep

heh
guess I should be going...?
come on I need a drink

Not raining for once
that's nice

hey Jango
oh thanks
is it okay that we're doing this?
I love that kid but I don't want to like - confuse him.

I don't know.
I do know it's rough for him, growing up here in a sea of identical faces.
I wish I could give him... more.
glug



Well
we could always move in together
shut up Zam
totally joking
unless you're into it

we did almost sleep together that one time
ZAM

PART 8

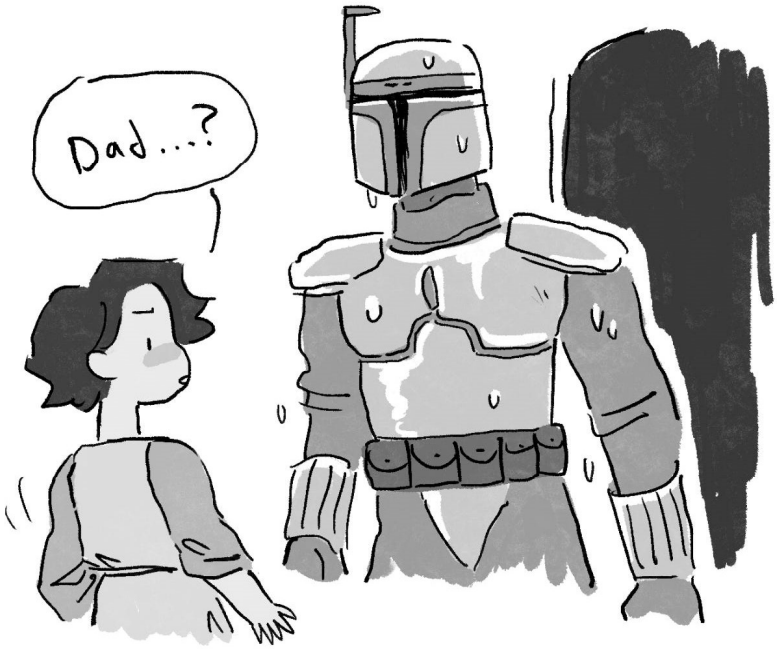
"where's zam?"

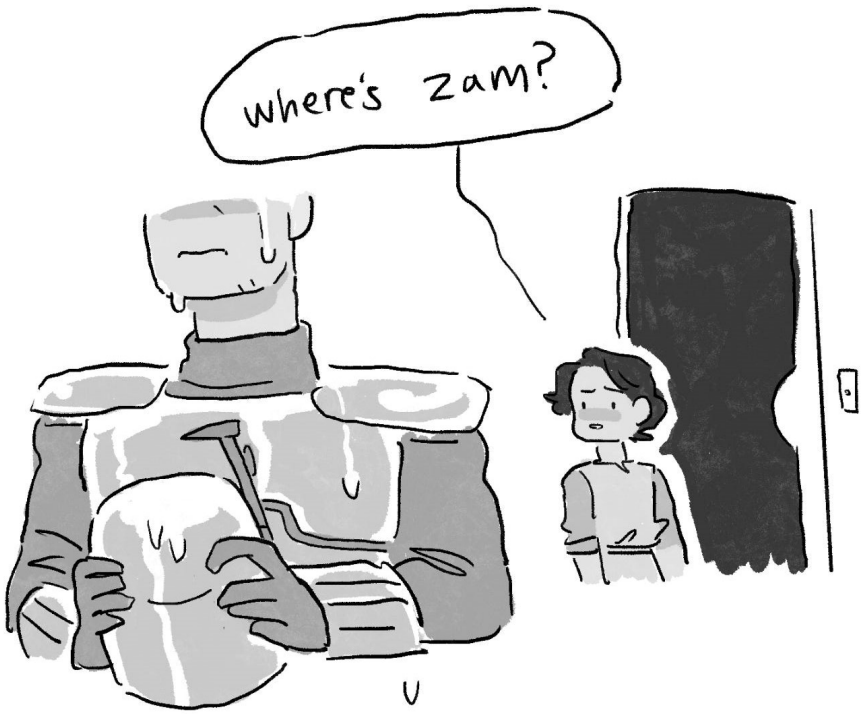
so...
what happened to her?
...

VVRRRRMM

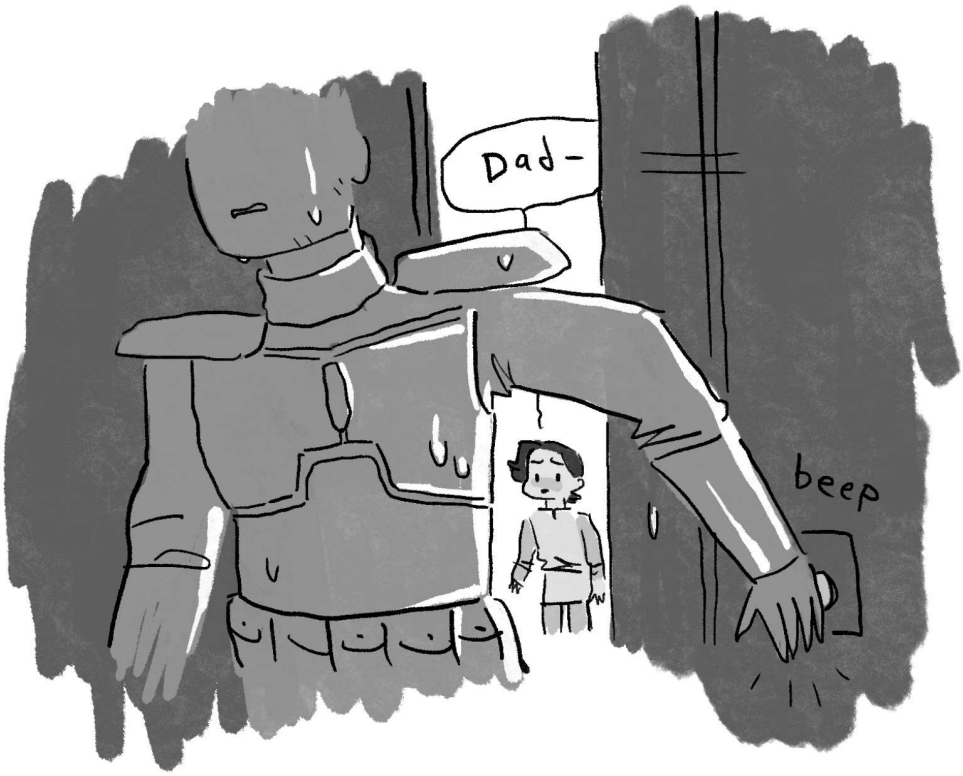
VVVRRRRM

DAD!
ZAM!


Dad...?


where's zam?

Zam's not going to be coming around here anymore, Boba.


Dad-
beep

Oh
Fuck

my father never told me what happened.
I didn't ask.
It was a dangerous job. Jedi had gotten involved.
Soon my father would be dead, too.

swish
you said I remind you of her.
is that why you saved me?

I told you.
I'm tired of watching our kind die.

slide

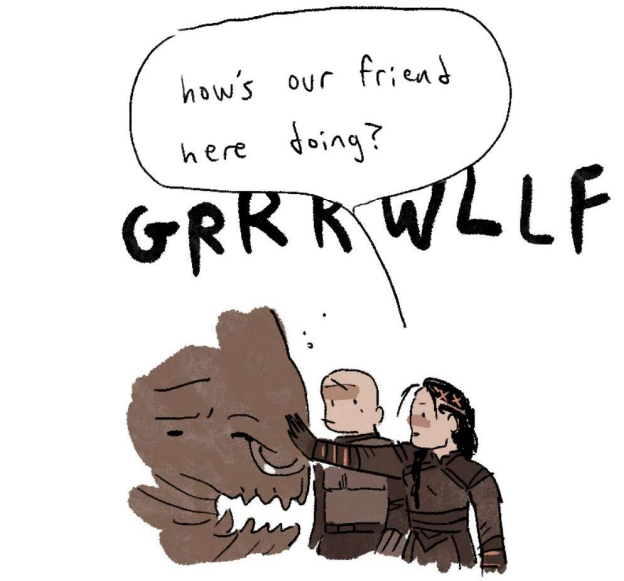
okay well then

let's stay alive.

EPILOGUE

"I'll catch you on the flip side"

who's a good boy? Is it you? Yes it is!
you know, those mods aren't half bad. Gotta say, they're growing on me.


how's our friend here doing?
GRRRWLLF

carefvl. He's had a hard day.
He's sensitive.
CLANK

okay, okay, got it
it's boy time
have fun
fennec
wait

since when do you have a mechanical arm?

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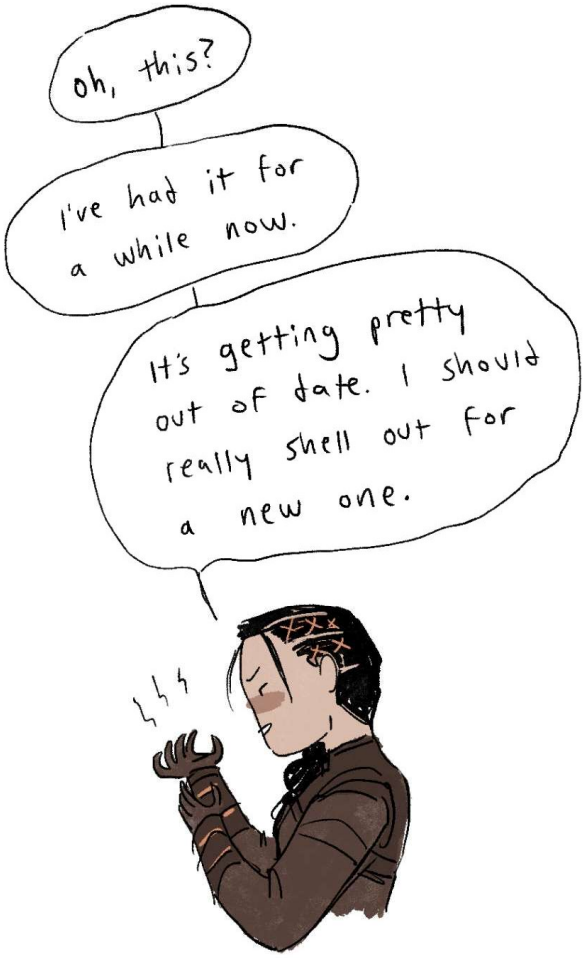
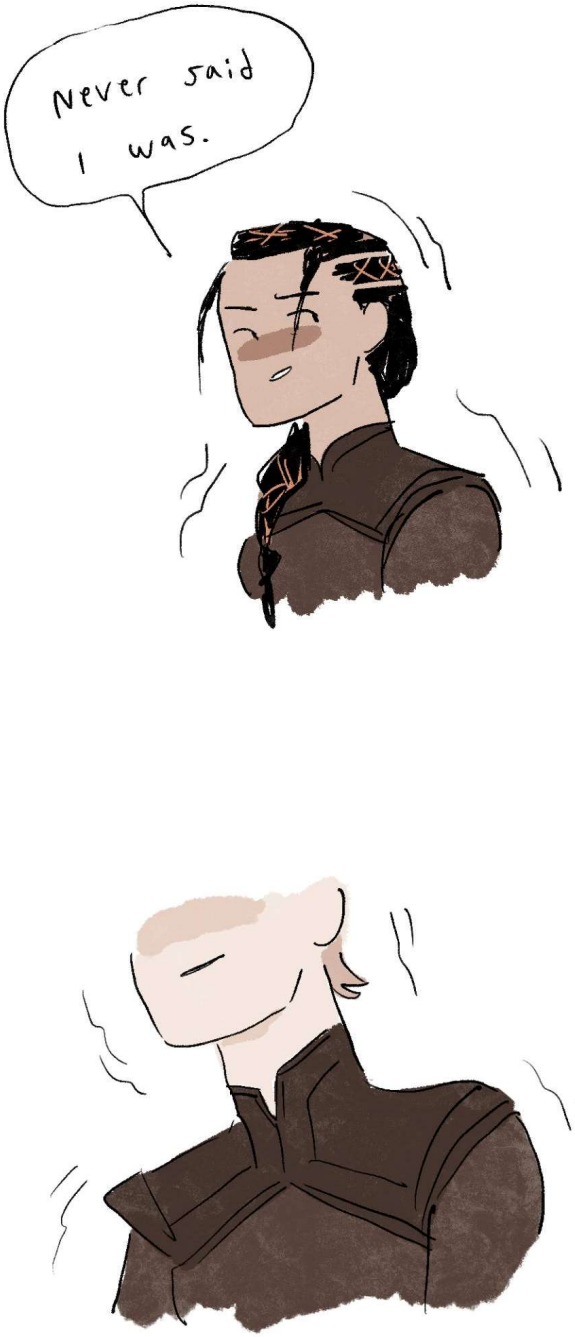

oh, this?
I've had it for a while now.
It's getting pretty out of date. I should really shell out for a new one.

...you're not Fennec, are you?
CIK


Never said
I was.

hey, little dude.

where's Fennec?
oh my god she's like right outside
I'm not gonna hurt you, Boba.
I just came to say hi.

I don't know who you are
but you're not Zam.
Zam's dead.
you sure about that?

you look the same.
well, yeah.
I haven't used this face in years
and I never did have a grasp on human aging.

you always were a suspicious kid.
you'd make me check the closet three times for bad guys before you'd go to sleep.

ZAM

how?
how did you survive?
There were Jedi. They-
yeah. They kicked my ass.

your dad and I...
we had a plan in place.
In case things went bad.

a code phrase

the signal to deploy
a neurotoxin
specially designed

to shut down my
major systems

to slow my heart and
breathing to almost nothing

until even a Jedi
couldn't tell the difference
between life and death.

I'm a changeling.

we're pretty good at
that kind of thing.

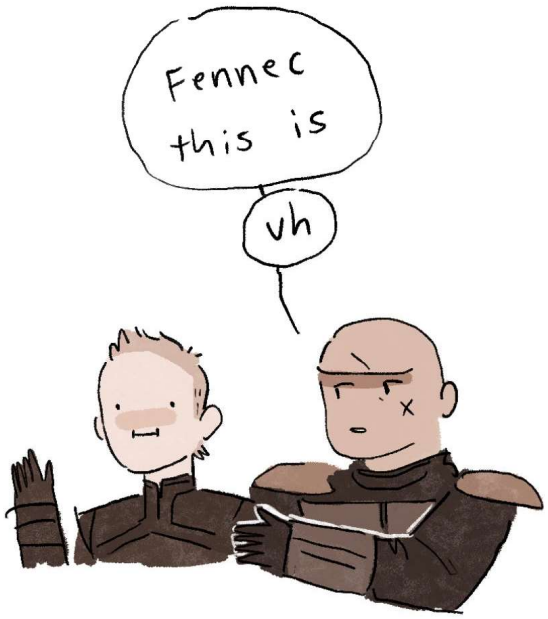
but there was a condition to using the phrase.
we'd have to part ways.
we couldn't risk leading them back to you.

they found us anyway.
I know. we were out of our depth.
we had no clue what was coming.

why didn't you come back sooner?
how do you know I didn't
DID YOU

hey Boba we're having a party in the throne room
everyone's asking about you
the mods have like, really good weed

okay who in the fuck
... are those my clothes


Fennec this is
vh

okay no is this a sex thing
I don't want to know
get it I guess
oh my GOD Fennec SERIOUSLY
NICE TO MEET YOU!

I should go
that party sounds fun as shit
you don't want to miss it

zam, wait.
can't you stay a little longer?

It's not a good idea, little dude.
I don't know if I should've come at all.

where will you go now?

. . .

Do you ever wonder what it would have been like if things had turned out... different?

your dad survives.
we don't get separated.
you get to grow up a normal kid.
well, normal-ish

of course I've thought about it.
but the past is the past.

...you know your dad would've done anything to protect you, right?
even something pretty fucked up.
what's that supposed to mean?

...you really snazzed up your dad's armor, huh?
I like it. Jango never did have an ounce of style.

you're so different from him in so many ways.

you forged your own path. you built something new.

and seeing you here, with your own family...

I'm really proud of you, y'know?

thanks, Zam.
i'm pretty proud of myself, truth be told.

come back and visit.
Ha! You'll never see me coming.
just don't steal any more of Fennec's clothes she might actually kill you

be good, kid.
ah hey

I'll catch you
on the flip side.

FOOOOSH

FOOOOOM

is it REAL?

'fraid it's real this time, little dude.
But hey, now I can pick out a really cool robo-arm.
I'm thinking spinning death blades.

Dad! Look! Zam's awake!
well, if it isn't the asshole that shot me.

I thought you were supposed to leave me there.
I did.
... and then I went back.

...it's good to see you back in the land of the living.
No thanks to you and your fuckin' POISON WORMS, slimeball.

Dad, is that Jedi gone?
...

yes.
He took the bait.
He's following the decoy clones to Geonosis.

the Kaminoans assure me that the memory implantation process was a success.
The decoys will think they're us. In any way detectable, they will be.

sorry, Jango. I know you didn't want to have to use them.
I really tried to lose those Jedi.

you did everything I asked you to.
No. This is on me.

I sold my soul a long time ago when I let them make an army out of me.

But I got Boba out of it, and that's all that matters.

I'll do whatever it takes to ensure I get to watch him grow up.

they can keep the ship.
the armor.
the name.
I'm getting us all out of here alive.
They'll never find us.

" vs " ?
zam's coming?

I mean...
if you want.

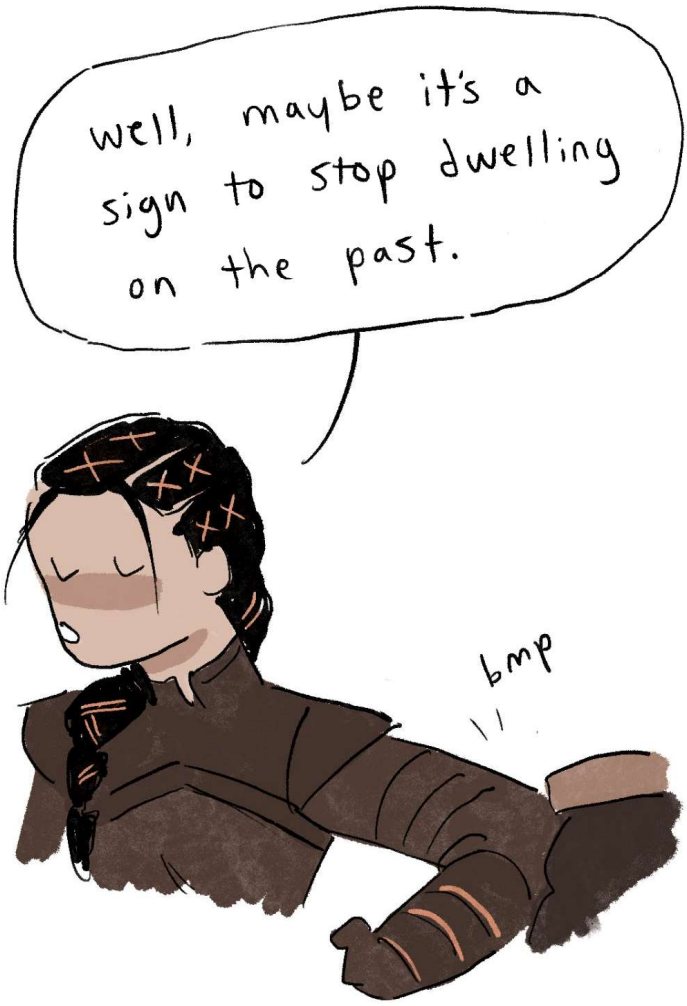
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF

oh my god
Boba
I wasn't kidding about this weed
you gotta try it

how'd it go with your uh
"friend"
... good.
strange, but good.

it's funny
you can spend so long telling the story of your own pain
carrying the weight of ghosts long past

and then one day you realize that weight isn't so heavy anymore.
not gone - but changed.
and you're not even sure when it happened.


well, maybe it's a sign to stop dwelling on the past.
bmp

we didn't die
you're King of Tattooine
we have a pack of biker punks to raise now I guess?
shit's good.
Live in the moment.

by smoking awesome weed with me
FINE

... I never really got the hang of this...
oh my GOD just let me help you!
no I've got it!
HA
HA
HA
HA
ZZ
ZZZZ